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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 245897 ACTION NEW DELHI, INFO BOMBAY,
ISLAMABAD, CALCUTTA, MADRAS, DACCA, DEC. 17

QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, PK, IN

SUBJ: ARMS SUPPLY TO PAKISTAN

REF: NEW DELHI 14826

1. THERE HAVE BEEN NO STATEMENTS TO THE PRESS, OR RECENT
INQUIRIES OF WHICH WE AWARE, CONCERNING ARMS TO PAKISTAN.
POSSIBLY STORY PROMPTED BY SIGNING OF PEACE INDIGO PAYMENT
SCHEDULE AMENDMENT LAST WEEK ABOUT WHICH INDIAN EMBASSY
QUERIED BY PRESS. FOLLOWING APPEARANCE OF
REUTERS STORY ON \$30 MILLION ARMS SALES TO PAKISTAN,
GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED FOR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN, BUT NO
QUESTIONS RAISED AT DECEMBER 17 BRIEFING. FOLLOWING IS
TEXT OF BRIEFING ITEM:

Q: THE WASHINGTON POST ON SATURDAY CARRIED A REUTERS STORY
STATING THAT PAKISTAN HAD RECEIVED \$30 MILLION IN ARMS
AID FROM THE UNITED STATES SINCE THE EASING OF THE ARMS
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EMBARGO LAST MARCH. WOULD YOU CARE TO COMMENT ON THE

STORY?

A: THE POST'S ACCOUNT INVOLVES A RATHER FUNDAMENTAL INACCURACY. THE CURRENT POLICY IS ONE OF SALE ONLY; THERE IS NO GRANT ASSISTANCE FOR EQUIPMENT NOR DO WE HAVE ANY

CREDIT PROGRAM WITH PAKISTAN. INsofar AS THE AMOUNTS REPORTED ARE CONCERNED, THE APCS SOLD TO PAKISTAN WERE

VALUED AT \$13 MILLION, ALTHOUGH SOME REMAIN TO BE DELIVERED. THE SALE OF THESE APCS WAS ANNOUNCED HERE IN MARCH. INsofar AS SALES OF SPARE PARTS SINCE MARCH ARE CONCERNED, THESE ARE IN VARIOUS STAGES OF NEGOTIATION, PRODUCTION AND DELIVERY, AND THUS A FIRM FIGURE WILL DEPEND ON WHERE ONE IS IN THE CONTRACTUAL PROCESS. SINCE TRANSFERS OF SPARES AND NON-LETHAL END ITEMS TO PAKISTAN IN THE PERIOD 1967-71 AVERAGED APPROXIMATELY \$20 MILLION EACH YEAR, THE \$15 MILLION FIGURE WOULD BE A REASONABLE AMOUNT FOR THIS NINE-MONTH PERIOD.

2. FYI - FOLLOWING IS CURRENT STATUS OF FMS SALES TO PAKISTAN (COMMERCIAL SALES NOT INCLUDED): (A) LETTERS OF OFFER ACCEPTED: AIR FORCE -- \$13.4 MILLION; ARMY -- \$16.0 MILLION (INCLUDES APCS) NAVY -- .3 MILLION; TOTAL -- \$29.7 MILLION. (B) LETTERS OF OFFER EXTENDED BUT NOT ACCEPTED: AIR FORCE, 30.1 MILLION (FYI 5C-130S, AND WE UNDERSTAND THIS IS DEAD); ARMY -- \$2.3 MILLION; TOTAL -- 32.4 MILLION. (C) DELIVERIES IN CY 73 (TO COUNTRY AND/OR FRIEGHT FORWARDER): ARMY \$10.0 MILLION (INCLUDES 225 APCS.); AIR FORCE -- \$5.9 MILLION; NAVY -- \$.03 MILLION; TOTAL: \$15.93 MILLION. RRUSH

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